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SIR:

I transmit herewith Volume I of the report of the Census of Mineral Industries for 1939, taken in 1940 as part of the Sixteenth Decennial Census. Provision for this census was made in the Act providing for the fifteenth and subsequent decennial censuses approved June 18, 1929.

The mineral industries report for 1939 is in two volumes. Volume I presents summary statistics for the mineral industries and detailed statistics by industry. Volume II presents statistics by State and by county. Advance reports for the industries canvassed have been previously published as separate bulletins; completion of this volume was delayed by the pressure of war work undertaken by members of the staff. Census statistics of man-hours worked by wage earners, multiple-shift operations, types and capacities of power-loading machines, cost of drilling and equipping oil and gas wells, and oil- and gas-field contract services are presented for the first time.

The statistics presented were collected and compiled, and the present volume was prepared, under the supervision of Dr. Oscar E. Kiessling, Chief Statistician for Mineral Industries, and Nicholas Yaworski, Assistant Chief Statistician, with the assistance of Dr. Vivian E. Spencer, Senior Statistician.

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(Excludes statistics for operations not canvassed in certain years; see table 3. For 1939 the value of products of operations excluded was \$132,023,436 and the number of wage earners was 30,278. The fluid fuels industries were not canvassed in 1929; figures for these industries in 1929 are estimated.)

